

is into Nebraska farmland and who is taking over Nebraska. The way the bill was drafted and finally implemented resulted in every single farmer receiving this official form from the Secretary of State which says under paying of some severe criminal penalties and other penalties you must fill it out. The average farmer, you can check this out, Davie, the average farmer who gets this immediately wonders what the blazes is it. They go in and usually get an accountant or a certified public accountant or a lawyer to fill it out, help them fill it out. Now all they do is basically say we own such and such land in such and such a county. That is what you do but the actual cost imposed upon agriculture in this state for gathering this information which is already available, by the way, the average cost imposed upon a farmer can run as much as \$25, \$50, \$100 for just filling out this thing that nobody apparently has any interest in looking at anyway. We suggest it is time to repeal this thing that has accomplished literally nothing and it was going to be an experimental thing when Senator Burbach offered it, repeal it, first of all because it hasn't done anything except impose probably several million of additional costs upon Nebraska agriculture. That would be the very legitimate reason. If you want another reason, the other reason is the thing it was originally destined and designed to stop, which was family farm legislation by offering a tidbit at the time to the family farm groups at Walthill and elsewhere, this tidbit they were offered is no longer necessary because they got the whole ball of wax in the form of Initiative 300. For that reason I would suggest it is time to save several million dollars for Nebraska agriculture by repealing this thing that is literally accomplishing nothing except costing instead of providing information.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I would applaud Senator Newell for at least raising the issue of this bill and I understand Senator DeCamp's concerns. Really what I think is going on here is the corporate farm constitutional amendment is getting a little slapping around on the floor in an attempt for some of us who supported it and some of us who opposed it trying to show I guess some concerns about the whole issue. My personal feeling is that this is a little hasty reaction to that act being adopted last year by the people of the State of Nebraska. Those who have opposed on this floor corporate farm limitations are now trying to pass LB 587 and in fact it probably is a fairly moot point. As Senator DeCamp said, it was an attempt to try and appease some people and